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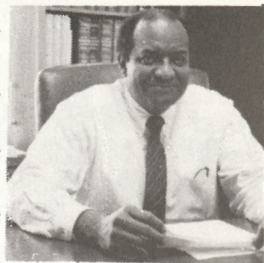
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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

May 1986

Notes From The President's Desk

Renewed financial support, coupled with a rich history and sense of purpose, posture Prairie View A&M University at the forefront of leadership in higher education in this region. But we can only be as great as the shared commitment of our various constituencies.



The commitment of our faculty to the principle of excellence is equally vital. Such commitment will pay rich dividends in the lives of countless young people. A technologically-based society dictates that our academic environment demands the best that we each have to offer.

A thirst for learning inspired by committed faculty must become contagious. As we work to provide more and better academic enhancements, we must spread the word that our faculty and students are engaged in a relentless pursuit of excellence.

Our governmental leadership has evidenced great confidence in our ability to succeed. Continued equitable distribution of our state's resources will ensure that in research, in specialized academic programs as well as in basic college education, Prairie View will continue in its upward reach for excellence.

There is, however, an ingredient to our success that cannot be directly measured by physical plant, test scores or research dollars. Yet its influence overshadows all these ingredients and more. It is, in a word, pride.

Pride is defined as a sense of one's own dignity or worth. It is self respect (see President page 4)

Governor White Cites Progress; Issues Challenge to Graduates



David Eller, Chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents, Governor White, President Pierre, and Lenice Brown, the 1986-87 Miss Prairie View, prepare to distribute diplomas.

The 105th Commencement of Prairie View A&M University, was held in the William "Billy" Nicks Physical Education and Recreation Complex, on May 11, 1986.

Approximately 412 Baccalaureate degrees and 114 Masters degrees were conferred during the 10:30 a.m. ceremony.

Governor Mark White delivered the Commencement Address. Governor White has been a strong supporter of Prairie View A&M University and a champion of educational reform.

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Summer Institute To Aid High School Students

The Institute for Pre-College Enrichment and selected academic units of the university will co-sponsor a series of two-week academic workshops for eleventh and twelfth grade students. These on-campus, residential programs will enable students to learn about specific careers, become familiar with life on a college campus, and enhance their academic and social skills. Participants will be taught by a cadre of top-rated university faculty and selected master teachers from area secondary schools.

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Profile:

Dr. Wayne D. Perry

Dean of the College of Engineering and Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station at Prairie View A&M University,



Dr. Wayne Perry possesses more than 20 years of administrative, research, industrial, and scholarly experience.

Dean Perry received the B.S.M.E. from Tuskegee University, the M.S.-M.E. from the University of New Mexico and the Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University (see Profile, page 3)

Students Win Local and National Competitions

Ms. Lenice Brown, a junior Electrical Engineering major was crowned the 1986-87 Miss Prairie View during the 17th Annual Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant. Ms. Brown, a Prairie View native was selected from nine other candidates who vied for the crown. As Miss Prairie View, Ms. Brown will be an official representative of PVAMU and will receive a \$1,000.00 wardrobe award in preparation of her entry to the Miss Texas Pageant.



Mr. Frederick Roberts, Director of Student Activities, served as Executive Director; C. L. Turner, Director of the Charles Gilpin Players, was director; and Patricia Goodwin, a senior computer science major, was producer. This is the second year that a student has served as producer of the pageant.

Commencement

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In his challenge to the graduating class of 1986, the Governor stated, "Go beyond this university and face what may appear to be defeat as an opportunity for advancement; strive for perfection within yourself and make the slogan 'Made in the U.S.A.,' once again, a symbol of high quality and standards."

Governor White paid tribute to Prairie View's new emphasis on research citing the pivotal role Prairie View plays in building a new economy in the state of Texas. "Goals set by this university's administration are vital to the development of Texas. Prairie View will grow in size and stature because of its efforts; the state will endeavor to insure its growth and support its high academic standards."

Prior to his inauguration on January 18, 1983, Governor White served with distinction as Texas Attorney General and Secretary of State. He is a native Texan; attended Texas public schools; and completed his higher education at the Baylor University and the Baylor Law School in Waco, Texas.

Miss Lillie L. Taylor, Miss Prairie View 1985-86, was recently crowned Miss Collegiate Black America for 1986-87. A non-profit corporation, Miss Collegiate Black America, Inc., promotes professional and academic self-actualization among black college women.

Miss Taylor competed with twenty-six campus queens from across the nation to capture the title. As Miss Black Collegiate America, Miss Taylor will visit schools, colleges, and universities throughout the nation as an official spokesperson for M³CA in an effort to strengthen the enrollment of traditionally black institutions.



Track Coach Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

Mr. Hoover J. Wright, head track coach for men and Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Education, was inducted into the Drake Relays Track and Field Hall of Fame, April 14, 1986, at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Coach Wright has served three times on U.S. National team staffs, the 1971 U.S. Soviet meet, the Munich Olympics, and most recently the World University Games in Bucharest, Romania.

The Drake Relays Executive Committee recognized Coach Wright's contributions, of more than fifteen years, to the Drake Relays.

AT&T Makes \$100,000.00 Donation

AT&T Information Systems-Denver, Colorado with the support of Bob Estvander, Director of Large Business Systems, Ms. Iona Borders, and Ms. Vanessa Spencer, granted Prairie View A&M University's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science nine (9) 3B2/300 computers.

The award is estimated to be \$50,000.00 - \$75,000.00 for equipment and \$25,000.00 in service, support, and scholarships. The total

package includes software, maintenance, and installation service.

The UNIX Laboratory will be housed in Hobart-Taylor, room 16125-6.

"We can now train a small number of students specifically in 'C' language in the UNIX system. This will make these students immediately marketable to the AT&T corporation," stated Dr. Frank Hawkins.

Dean Appointed To National Post

Dr. Flossie M. Byrd, Dean of the College of Home Economics, has been appointed Vice-President for Professional Standards and a Member of the Council for Professional Development by the American Home Economics Association, 1985-86.

As Vice-President for Professional Standards, Dr. Byrd will address the 77th Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Home Economics Association in Kansas City, Missouri, June 23-26, 1986. Dr. Byrd will speak to home economists on the subject of



"Innovative Undergraduate Curricula on some Models of Reform."

The American Home Economics Association is one of the largest national professional associations in the U.S., representing approximately 30,000 students and home economics professionals employed by privately and publicly owned firms, school systems, federal and state governments, colleges and universities, community service agencies, media groups, cooperative extension service units, and research agencies. AHEA also has 52 affiliated state associations, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Business/Industry Cluster Holds Spring Meeting

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Prairie View A&M University Business/Industry Cluster was held on Thursday, April 3, 1986.

The Business/Industry Cluster is an outgrowth of a movement initiated by the National Alliance of Business thirteen years ago as a method whereby the corporate community could support the programming efforts of institutions of higher learning.

In the past, the PV Chapter of the Cluster has assisted the university with campus beautification, safety and security, computer enhancement and skill development workshops.

Most recently, the Cluster has concentrated on programs to assist students with scholarships, internships, and cooperative education opportunities. During the Summer of 1986, ten PVAMU students will be employed by member cluster companies in sites across the country.

Those industries attending the April 3rd meeting were:

Exxon, USA
Dow Chemical, USA
Texaco, Inc.
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
AT&T Technologies, Inc.
McDonnell Douglas Technical Services-Houston
NASA/Johnson Space Center
Nalco Chemical Company

Following a campus tour, Cluster members divided into two Task Force groups to engage in constructive dialogue regarding student recruitment,

career counseling, recruitment of new cluster members, curricula development, management training, and faculty internships.

After a luncheon held in Alumni Hall, Task Force reports were presented and special Cluster recognitions were given. Mr. Brutus N. Jackson, Acting Vice-President, Office of Development and University Relations at PVAMU, was honored for his outstanding contributions to the Cluster Program.

Profile:

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gie-mellon University. The author of numerous papers and articles and a member of many professional organizations, he is a Director of the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering and a member of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering.

He is a former member of the committees that established the Florida A&M University/Florida State University, College of Engineering. He has been Associate Executive Director of the National Entrepreneurial Development Center at Florida A&M University. While at Florida A&M, Dean Perry also served as Director and Professor of the Division of Management Sciences and the MBA Program.

Dean Perry's other previous professional experiences include Supervisor, Ph.D. students research, the Rand Graduate Institute; Program Manager and Senior Research Economist, the Rand Corporation; and Research Engineer, Ford Motor Company. He has also taught at Carnegie-Mellon University and Tuskegee University.

The Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Departments at PVAMU are nationally accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET). ABET is a professional engineering board that reviews and accredits engineering curricula.

The M.S.E. program at PVAMU enjoys substantial graduate research funding from agencies such as NASA Johnson Space Flight Center, the Department of the Army, Office of

Research, Sandia National Laboratories, General Electric, and the Texas Advanced Technology Research Program.

Two other essential components of the College of Engineering are the Co-operative Education and Internship Programs. Dr. Perry explained, "Co-operative education and internships are designed to help students gain significant experiences in industry, government and professional settings while earning attractive salaries."

He further noted that Engineering Professional Concepts courses offered in support of all engineering disciplines, "will help to give a clearer understanding of the interpersonal and communication skills associated with successful engineering and managerial careers."

Expressing his concern to expand graduate research, Dean Perry emphasized, "There is a pressing need for Ph.D. personnel in engineering and the scientific professions. This need is universal." Prairie View A&M University is tackling this issue with the M.S.E. program which provides a solid base for doctoral studies. The establishment of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College curricula in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering also addresses this issue. The Banneker students are expected to pursue graduate engineering studies immediately after completing the B.S. Degree.

Dr. Perry who is completing his second year as Dean, resides in northwest Harris County with his wife, the former Linda Jackson. They are the proud parents of three children, one married daughter 25, a younger daughter 19, and a 7 year old son.

All-America Cager Named

Mr. Christopher Rutledge, a senior Electrical Engineering major, with a current GPA of 3.71, was recently selected by the College



Sports Information Directors of America to the GTE Academic All-America Men's Basketball Team.

Mr. Rutledge, a 6'7" forward on the Prairie View A&M Basketball team received an Honorable Mention commendation.

The GTE Academic All-America Men's Basketball Team pays tribute to an exceptional 6th man or improved reserve player who has exhibited academic excellence. Recipients of this award are selected nationally upon recommendation from their respective College Sports Information Directors.

Christopher Rutledge is a native Texan from Palestine. Prairie View graduates in his family date back to his grandfather, who was president of his class in 1936. Christopher's grandmother, mother, father, an aunt, and brother are Prairie View graduates.

President's Desk

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that comes from satisfaction in one's achievements.

Prairie View is dependent on a strong, positive image for continued growth. A positive self-concept is equally crucial at this juncture in our development.

We must continue to set high goals of academic achievement and personal deportment. We must accentuate the virtues of discipline and commitment required to reach these goals. We must also exude a confidence that comes from a healthy regard for our own individual and corporate achievements.

Feeling good about ourselves must permeate all that we do. From the residence halls to the classroom, to the athletic fields, to the campus grounds, pride can be infectious. It is easier for others to hold us in high regard if we first hold ourselves in such regard. More and more I am convinced that we do.

PBS Airs Program

Dr. Percy Pierre, President of Prairie View A&M University, was a member of a panel selected to discuss issues impacting education and minority students that was aired April 14th on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

The program titled "Excellence In Our Schools: Insights Into Tomorrow," was sponsored by the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering (GEM), ALCOA, the American Association for Advancement of Science, Dupont, the College Board, and the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

Pre-College Institute

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One-half of each class day will normally be sent on a core curriculum including diagnostic and prescriptive instruction in mathematics, science, English, and study skills. The remainder of the students' day will involve field trips and seminars related to specific professions.

Co-sponsoring academic units and workshops are scheduled as follows:

THE BENJAMIN BANNEKER HONORS COLLEGE will co-sponsor RENAISSANCE, an interdisciplinary program open to high school seniors with "honors experience." RENAISSANCE will be offered July 20-August 2.

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS will co-sponsor BASIS-Business Advantages for Scholastically Inclined Students. BASIS is open to highly talented high school seniors interested in careers in accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing, and office administration. BASIS will be offered July 20 - August 2.

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION will co-sponsor the Teacher Education Career Seminar (TECS), which is designed to acquaint high school juniors and seniors with the knowledge and skills needed for success in the teaching profession. TECS will be offered July 6-19.

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING will co-sponsor MITE-Minority Introduction To Engineering. MITE is open to students

interested in one of the engineering professions. Two workshops will be offered-MITE I, June 15-20; and MITE II, July 6-19.

THE COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS will co-sponsor CHEC-Creative Home Economics Careers Workshop. CHEC will introduce the broad spectrum of the home economics opportunities in retail merchandising, fashion and interior design, child and family care, and food service management. The CHEC workshop will be offered June 15-20.

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY and the DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS and COMPUTER SCIENCE will co-sponsor the Mathematics and Computer Science Enrichment Experience (MCEE) Workshop. MCEE is designed to familiarize high school students with the knowledge and skills necessary for careers in mathematics, computer science, and computer engineering technology. MCEE will be offered June 15-28.

The Department of Sociology and Social Work will co-sponsor the College Laboratory for Social Service Careers (CLASS) Workshop, which is designed to stimulate interest in social service careers. CLASS will be offered July 6-19.

Applications for admission to the workshops are available in the Office of School Relations or by calling (409) 857-2028.

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